

GOVERNOR OPENS HIS CAMPAIGN IN ONTARIO

City Selected as First Place for Administration to Present Its Arguments—Kay Discusses Tax Division

Ontario had the distinction this week of being selected by Governor Ben W. Olcott as the place for formally opening his campaign for reelection. In honor of the chief executive of the state and Thomas B. Kay, formerly state treasurer, a crowd which filled the Majestic theatre turned out to hear the speakers present their views of the issues and their analysis of the taxation situation which has been named the principal issues by Walter M. Pierce the democratic nominee.

J. W. McCulloch was chairman of the meeting and introduced the speakers. Prior to the evening meeting Governor Olcott visited the schools here and went to Nyssa and Vale where beside meeting citizens and being the guest of honor at a luncheon at the latter city, he and Secretary of State Sam A. Koser addressed a well attended meeting at the Rex theatre.

In his address at Ontario the Governor said in part:

"Unwarranted and unfounded attacks have been made upon the handling of the business of this administration," said Governor Olcott, "and I deem it a duty I owe to you as well as myself to let the facts be known that you may be the judges. I have no apology to offer for what the administration has done. I am proud of its record. I can look back without regret over the record of expenditures of the public funds over which my administration has had control. I can do so with the knowledge that not one cent has been spent dishonestly and not a dollar expended other than for the betterment of government and welfare of the state.

"I ask you to go back over the record of the administration and point, if you may, wherein there has been a breath of scandal. In all of the extravagant and misleading statements made wherein are there any charges that the state's business is conducted on anything but solid, safe and conservative business lines?"

I want the people of the state to know that the total amount of taxes levied in Oregon for all purposes in 1922 was \$40,473,906. This included and in fact every kind of tax whatsoever, down to the smallest road district or political subdivision.

"Of this amount \$2,514,080 included all the expense of all the state institutions, charitable and corrective, the expense of general state government and all the remainder of the state expense, aside from roads and cost of education."

"There are hundreds of other bodies with power to levy taxes that for some reason or another did not take advantage of that power in 1922. They may take advantage of it in 1923, in 1924 or in any other year if they desire to do so. If they do, your taxes from these sources will rise rather than decrease."

"The governor has no power over the actions of these tax-levying bodies, except in exceedingly few cases. Aside from the state taxes these tax-levying bodies levy 94 per cent of the taxes that are paid by the people of Oregon. These taxes are under the control of people of various localities in the main and are as remote from the power of the executive to control as are the taxes of the federal government."

Federal Taxes \$15,000,000
"Remember also that \$15,000,000 went out of the pockets of the taxpayers in Oregon this year to pay those same federal government taxes, but the governor was not responsible for that. The chief items of expense and by far the most important are the 11 eleemosynary and corrective institutions, all located at Salem, with the exception of the eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton, the soldiers' home at Roseburg and the new employment institution for the blind in Portland. Of these 11 institutions only one comes directly under the governor. This is the state penitentiary. The others are under the board of control, including the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer. At the 1921 legislature a total of \$3,075,455 was appropriated for these institutions for two years, or \$1,537,227 annually."

"In addition to legislative appropriations the people voted about

FIRST ANNUAL TREE PLANTING EXERCISES HELD AT CEMETERY

Inaugurating a movement which has for its object the beautifying of the Ontario cemetery the members of the Woman's club today gathered there and planted a number of trees in a plot located at the southeast corner. The trees were donated by Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gregg who assisted in their planting. It is the purpose of the club to plant other plots in years to come and to encourage others in this effort.

Mrs. J. R. Blackaby presided at the meeting and short talks were made by Rev. W. A. James of the Methodist church, and George K. Aiken, and songs were sung by the club members lead by Mrs. David Graham.

ONTARIO BOY MAKING RECORDS AT O. A. C.

Claude Christiansen Prominent Candidate for Quarterback on Aggies—Is President of Sophomore Class as Well

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oct. 18.—Claude (Cris) Christiansen, member of the 1918 class of Ontario High school, is making good in college activities at Oregon Agricultural college.

"Cris" is making a strong bid for the quarterback position on the varsity eleven. He showed up to good advantage recently in the alumni game against the varsity.

In high school Christiansen made an enviable record in athletics, and for his good work was elected by his team mates as captain in football and basketball. "Cris" distinguished himself not only in athletics, but also in scholarship and leadership of the senior class.

After his graduation in 1918, Christiansen was connected with the Standard Oil company with headquarters in Ontario and LaGrande.

As a freshman last year, "Cris" was active in his class. He was quarterback on the rook football team and also played on the class basketball team. He was elected sophomore president and member of the vigilance committee, and received honorable mention for the Johnson prize based on scholarship, manhood and activities.

"Cris" has maintained an average of more than 90 per cent along with his activities.

Christiansen is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

SPECIAL BLOCK OF SEATS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ONTARIANS

Knowing the interest which Ontarians take each year in the annual football game at Boise on Armistice Day, Claude W. Gibson, manager of the University of Idaho Alumni committee has set aside 50 of the best seats on the sidelines in a block for the fans of this section. They will be sent to the Argus office and those who desire them should make an application at once for they will be held until November 4 and those not sold will be returned to Boise.

Ed. Carlson came down from Andrews this week on business.

\$41,000 for the new school for the adult blind. Something more than half a million dollars was provided by the legislature for new buildings for these institutions including \$160,000 for a new wing at the Pendleton asylum \$50,000 for a new building at the institution for the feeble-minded \$50,000 for a new dormitory at the industrial school for girls and \$280,000 for a new boys' training school.

Road Tax Diverted
"All this money was provided without adding one single dollar in a tax to the tax rolls of the state. At my suggestion an old levy of 1/4 mill, made for state road purposes, was temporarily diverted to be expended on new buildings for the institutions."

Following the Governor, Mr. Kay made a detailed analysis of the present expenditures of the state government and outlined the part which the public itself has had in bringing up the total sum which is now raised by taxation in Oregon.

From Ontario the Governor's party which included Mr. and Mrs. Kay and W. A. Pettit of the Oregonian, and David W. Hazen of the Telegram drove to Huntington where a meeting was held there at noon.

MOTHER DROWNS BOYS IN SUICIDE ATTEMPT

In Fit of Insanity Due to Illness and Despondency Over Crop Failure Fruitland Woman Commits Rash Deed

Despondent over the failure of their crops and in ill health following the birth of a son four weeks ago, Mrs. John Driscoll of Fruitland, Idaho, drowned the baby and another son two years old, and almost succeeded in ending her own life late yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Driscoll was saved after an hour of strenuous efforts on the part of her husband and neighbors aided by Dr. W. J. Weese of this city who was called, when she was found almost dead in the irrigation ditch into which she had thrown herself and the children. Later both the children were found floating in the stream with life extinct.

That the attempt at self destruction was premeditated was shown by the note which the husband found and which sent him in frantic search of his wife and children. In this note Mrs. Driscoll, who was 32 years old and a devotee christian told of her plans and said:

"I know I am a wicked woman for committing such a deed but the babies will go to heaven." Further she eulogized her husband, told of their happy home life and praised her mother who lives in Boise, and with whom her two older children, both daughters, were living while the mother was ill. She also gave brief instructions relative to some of their property in the note.

Today Mrs. Driscoll is slowly coming to a realization of her act and though she may revive her physical strength, unless pneumonia results from exposure in the cold water, it is feared that her reason may not.

That the act was committed during a period of insanity is the firm belief of Dr. W. J. Weese who has been the family's physician ever since they moved to the Bench.

"There was one the the happiest homes," said the Doctor Wednesday, "Mrs. Driscoll was an ardent Christian, a devoted mother. The pride in which she held her children was beautiful to see. Further the fact that when her husband saw her carrying the children and urged her to return to the house while he went to get the silage and care for the dairy cattle, she turned toward the house and waited until darkness gave her a cover for leaving, indicates that the cunning of an unsound mind served her. This is often true in such cases."

Beside the two children drowned Mr. and Mrs. Driscoll have two daughters, aged six and four who on account of the mother's illness were staying with their grandmothers, Mrs. Scholes of Boise.

THREE TEACHERS INSTEAD OF ONE HAD NARROW ESCAPE

In telling of the auto accident last week in which the car driven by Paul McCulloch was forced off the grade by a speed fiend Wednesday afternoon the Argus gave the name of but one of the young women when in fact there were three, the young women with Miss Lucile Loughrey were Miss Gertrude Skow and Miss Miller who teaches at Jordan Valley.

GOVERNOR OLCOTT EATS HIS BIRTHDAY DINNER IN ONTARIO

Sunday was Governor Ben W. Olcott's birthday and found him far from home, but not without a birthday dinner, for in his honor and in honor of the occasion Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Gallagher were his hosts and had for their guests: Messrs. W. A. Pettit of the Oregonian and David W. Hazen of the Telegram, Sam A. Koser, secretary of state; J. D. Billingsley, W. H. Brooke, W. W. Wood and G. K. Aiken.

J. R. Cottingham of Oklahoma City, and Thomas H. Smith of Denver are the guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cockrum on their annual pilgrimage to Malheur county in search of game birds. After enjoying the opening of pheasant season the visitors went to the Cow Lakes country of Jordan Valley to hunt ducks with Mr. Cockrum and Thomas Arnold.

Donald McKenzie is here for the week end from Beulah.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Whitworth of Weiser visited friends in Ontario Saturday.

JORDAN VALLEY HOST TO I. O. N. BOOSTERS

Governor Olcott and Secretary of State Koser Attend Meeting Of Delegates From Four States—Permanent Organization Recommended

Delegates from four states, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada and California, gathered last week at Jordan Valley to consider ways and means or promoting the construction of the what has been designated by the boosters as the I. O. N. Cut-Off, a road leading from Boise to the California line, via Jordan Valley and Winnemucca.

Among the distinguished officials who attended the convention were Governor Ben W. Olcott and Secretary of State Sam. A. Koser, P. J. Gallagher of this city represented the Oregon Highway Commission, while County Judge E. H. Test and Commissioner Frank M. Vines represented the county court of Malheur county.

Caldwell, Nampa and Boise were represented by large delegations from their civic organizations and Nampa took its band to help liven the proceedings. Winnemucca and Oravada and Reno sent delegates, while Modoc county, California had a large delegation headed by President Kerrigan of the Upper California league, and Dr. Conwell of Alturas. Charles Knight, secretary of the Nevada State Chamber of Commerce was the chairman of the meeting.

At a big banquet which closed the sessions Friday night, Dr. Jones of Jordan Valley presided. The principal addresses at this session were made by Governor Olcott, Secretary Koser, Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Knight; others on the banquet program were, Dr. Conwell, Mr. Kerrigan, G. K. Aiken, Mr. McLean of Nampa.

The promoters of the I. O. N. Cut-Off urge its construction on the ground that it furnishes a lateral road leading from the Old Oregon Trail in Idaho to the Victory Highway in Nevada, furnishing a short cut from Boise to California, shortening the distance between the Sanke river valley and California points by 525 miles. To make the connection it is necessary for Idaho to build 26 miles, Oregon to build 120 and Nevada 80. The cost if the road in Oregon is estimated to be \$1,200,000.

For the entertainment of the visitors Jordan Valley had an elaborate program including three dances every night, one of them at a Basque boarding house where the Spanish fandango proved an interesting picture to many visitors. In the afternoon wild west sports and horse racing added spice to the program.

While in the valley Governor Olcott and Secretary Koser inspected the Jordan Valley irrigation district, the Antelope reservoir and other portions of the work which are under their jurisdiction as members of the desert land board of the state.

ONTARIO HIGH LOSES HARD GAME TO KEANE'S WARRIORS

At Boise last Saturday Ontario was defeated by the Boise Braves 37 to 0 after holding the Idaho men scoreless in the first half. The locals were unable to stem the tide which rose when Keane started running his fresh men into the fray. As the result of the battle the locals found many of their weak spots and are now hard at work under the direction of Coaches Paulson and Culbertson remedying their faults and preparing for the other games of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cox returned from Portland where Mr. Cox was a delegate to the K. P. convention.

A. C. Jolly of Milton, Iowa, arrived Friday for a short visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Blackaby. Mr. Jolly is a brother of Mr. Blackaby and Miss Lavine Smith.

Mrs. K. Nannary was called from Seattle by the serious illness of her father Mr. Sweitzer. Mrs. Nannary is staying with her sister Mrs. Fred Green.

Randall Sage and Millard Sage of McDermott are business visitors here this week.

Ad. Simons who operates a chain of Variety stores thru this section, dropped in from Emmett Tuesday to look after his local interests.

Geo. Hayes stopped over in Ontario on his return from Jordan Valley Saturday.

RECALL PETITION AGAIN IS FOUND INSUFFICIENTLY SIGNED

As indicated in the Argus last week an effort was made last Friday to file the recall petitions which have been in circulation for two years naming County Judge E. H. Test and County Commissioner Frank M. Vines as the subjects of a recall. On an examination of the petitions it was found that there were not sufficient names by several hundred, and therefore the petitions were not received. Since the time is passed within which the petitions can be received for action at the coming election, the voters will not have that issue presented them this fall.

G. W. HAW NAMED TO HEAD CAUCUS TICKET

Largely Attended Caucus Furnishes Surprises—Turner, Weese, Staples, Moore, Skow and McNulty Named for Council

George W. Haw was nominated for mayor at the caucus held Monday evening at the City Hall by a vote of 94 to 65 for W. H. Doolittle, the present incumbent, and the ticket headed by Mr. Haw was named as follows: W. L. Turner, Dr. W. J. Weese, C. P. Skow, V. B. Staples, J. T. McNulty and Dr. A. G. Moore.

The other nominees placed before the assembly were: Ivan E. Oakes, who was seventh in the number of votes cast, and automatically will be placed on the ballot if any of the nominees decline to serve; D. W. Powers, E. M. Greig, H. R. Udick, E. A. Fraser, W. F. Homan, O. M. Castlemann, Al. Quast, C. A. Powell, O. H. Graham and Dr. A. J. McFall.

In all approximately 160 ballots were cast, W. L. Turner being the highest in the list for councilmen, with Dr. W. J. Weese second and the other prevailing candidates bunched their majorities over those following them varying from 10 to 30 votes.

Rumors that a Klan movement was active in arranging for the concentration of the vote spread generally over the city, but this is denied by men who supported the prevailing ticket.

While there has been some talk of a second ticket being placed before the voters at the election in November, no steps have been taken to do so, so far as could be learned this week.

Aside from the ticket above named, C. W. Platt was renominated for city treasurer. E. C. Van Petten was the permanent chairman of the caucus, while W. L. Turner, as president of the council, called the meeting to order and later was secretary of the meeting; E. A. Fraser, W. F. Homan, J. C. McCreight and Fred Schrum were the tellers. The commercial club rooms in the City Hall were not large enough to contain the crowd which attended the gathering.

WORKERS IN CITY TO PUT OVER RED CROSS DRIVE

Committees are being arranged for the annual Red Cross drive which starts on Armistice Day. This year it will be necessary to do more than just take a membership for the need for relief will be much greater. C. P. Skow, general chairman of the drive, will need all the assistance possible, and the American Legion boys who are going to solicit the city, will make the drive the real feature of Armistice Day.

Rev. Chas. Blom of the Baptist church left Tuesday for a short visit in Portland.

The Oregon club held a smoker and business meeting Tuesday night. E. C. Kuepper, who hails from the tourists' oasis, The Isle of Pines, Cuba, is registered at the Moore this week.

H. M. Rutherford of Malheur, was a Sunday visitor in Ontario.

L. J. Aker was a Sunday visitor from Boise.

Among this week's visitors Frank Blake of Pocatello, who stopped over Tuesday on his way home from Portland. Mrs. Blake, formerly with Rader Bros., accompanied him to Pocatello where she will spend the winter.

Among the visitors from Juntura this week are John P. Martin and P. E. Joyce.

CONGRESSMAN SINNOTT VISITING IN ONTARIO

Eastern Oregon's Representative at Washington Making Tour of District—Believes Irrigation Bill Will Pass—Sees Prosperity for Harney County

Representative N. J. Sinnott arrived in the city last evening after a tour thru Klamath, Lake, Harney and Malheur counties. While he has practically no opposition he said he felt it his duty to go over the district and meet his constituents and study their problems as far as the short adjournment of Congress will permit. He regretted that the early convening of Congress will compel him to return to Washington so soon and that a district larger than the State of New York or Pennsylvania cannot be thoroughly covered in a month.

On the subject of irrigation he was hopeful that the next Congress would pass the Smith-McNary reclamation bill, which he helped to draft. He said the bill has been reported by both the House and Senate committees and is now on the calendar of both houses. He said, however, that its passage would largely depend upon the attitude of President Harding. That during the summer he and other western members interviewed the President and he was sanguine that they would have the President's help. There will be very little trouble in getting the measure thru the Senate—the great difficulty will be encountered in the House where the reclamation states have about thirty votes out of four hundred and thirty-five. Before leaving Washington he was informed by Acting Director Blen of the Reclamation Service that due to the increased returns from oil royalties the reclamation fund was in better shape than it was earlier in the year. He also said that the adjustment of the Red River Oil controversy between Oklahoma and Texas pending in the Public Lands Committee, of which Mr. Sinnott is chairman, would further increase the reclamation fund and that he would endeavor to get the same share allowed to the fund as was allowed in the oil leasing act which he had charge of in the House.

He said that the people of Harney county were jubilant over the prospect of the opening to timber development of the Malheur National Forest which was inaugurated by the Sinnott bill. Eight hundred million feet of fine timber is offered for sale contingent upon the purchaser building a railroad from Crane to Burns valley. The bids will be opened on the 15th of February. If the bids are satisfactory Harney county expects a big boom. There are 6 or 7 billion feet of pine in the Malheur Forest. Its exploitation should also insure to the great benefit of Ontario, as the lumber must come through Ontario.

The Representative is not making a speaking campaign as he prefers not to be tied down to a rigid itinerary so that he can study the problems of the district other than political ones.

He was very much impressed with the success of irrigation in Malheur county and said that no other irrigated section exceeded and very few could equal the production of Malheur.

Mr. Sinnott will leave for Baker tomorrow.

What was called a "Backward Party" was held at the home of Mrs. S. D. Dorman Tuesday evening by the Business Girls' club. About twenty-five members were present, and the party was backward in name only, as a most enjoyable time was had by all.

Tuesday, October 24th, the Business Girls' club will hold its first meeting at the library auditorium. A short talk will be given on the proposed amendments that are to be voted on this fall and a play entitled "Evolution of Love" will be presented by an all star cast.

Mrs. A. W. Courtney returned Friday from a visit to Enterprise, Oregon.

E. C. Van Petten returned Monday from a ten day business trip to Sunnyside and other points.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Howard spent the week end visiting in Baker. Mrs. Howard's brother, Tom Turner of that city was seriously injured in an automobile accident recently. He is reported to be recovering rapidly.